

II. REMARKS

This amendment is filed to improve the form and clarity, but not effect the scope, of claim 9, as allowed.

The proposed amendment to claim 9 is necessitated by a recently recognized typographical error caused by an incomplete strike through in a previous Response.

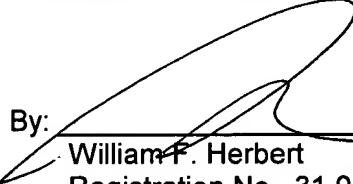
In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312 applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the above-referenced amendment because: (1) the amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention; (2) entering the amendment directed solely to a formal matter requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office; and (3), the error was not discovered until recently.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment.

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